

VLB I Collaboration between Korea and Japan

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Background of Cooperation

- Korea Astronomy Observatory (KAO) and National Astronomical Observatory of Japan (NAOJ) have just started new VLBI projects (Korea VLBI Network: KVN, and VLBI Exploration of Radio Astrometry: VERA), almost simultaneously. The bilateral collaboration is strongly expected because VLBI networks become powerful when they are combined.
- KAO as a beginner of VLBI needs to start VLBI experiment and research through the connection between TRAO 14m and NRO 45m telescopes.

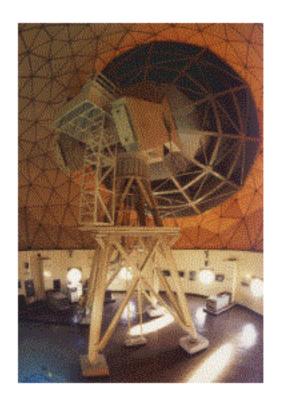


- Just in time, the second Korea-Japan Science and Technology Forum including radio astronomy field was held in 2000 Oct. and related cooperation items came to an agreement. These items are as followings:
 - Compatible and real-time system between KVN and VERA
 - Cooperative scientific projects in the fields of astronomy, earth science, precision geodesy etc.
 - Exchange of researchers and techniques
 - Joint symposium/workshop regularly in both countries by turns





The Present Progress



First mm
VLB I
Observations
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♦ Characteristics of TRAO 14m-NRO 45m

– Baseline : ~1,000 km East-West

Fringe spacing: 0.7 mas @ 86 GHz.

- SEFD: ~3,000 Jy (Equiv. 25m dish pair)

♦ System Test and Oberservations

2001 March ~ June







Preparation at Taeduk

- 2001 April 27-28 to May 22 at TRAO 14m
- Dual RX(100/150 GHz)
- Install the VLBI system
 - Transportation from Japan : Recorder, ...
 - Diagnostic Test for each device
 - Recording Test with SiO maser sources
 - Phase Stability Test





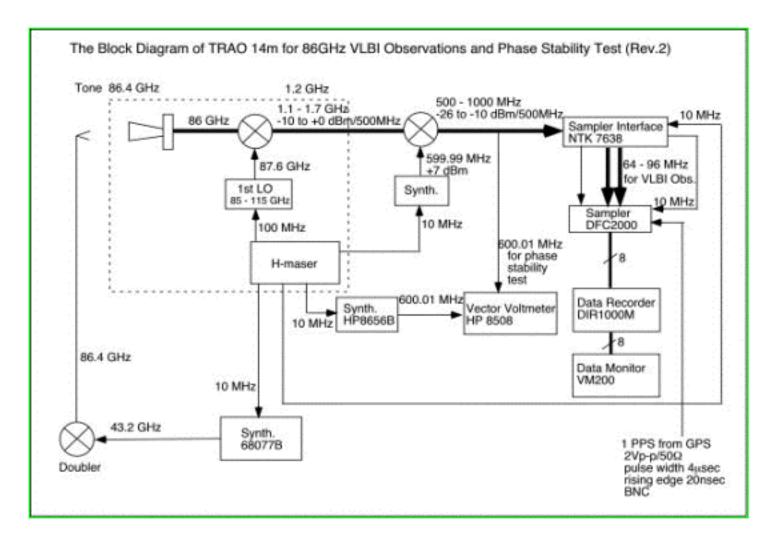
Observations

- Freq: 86.207~86.239 GHz (SiO v=1, J=2-1)
- Recording: 128Mbps(32MHz, 2bits) with DIR 1000M (VSOP)
- Objects: Orion KL, VY CMa, o Cet, 4C39.25, 0420-014, 0528+134
- Date: May 23(cloudy/rain), June 2(clear), 2001
- Tsys: June 2 (350K at TRAO, 500K at NRO)





VLBI System of TRAO 14m (2001 April 27-28)







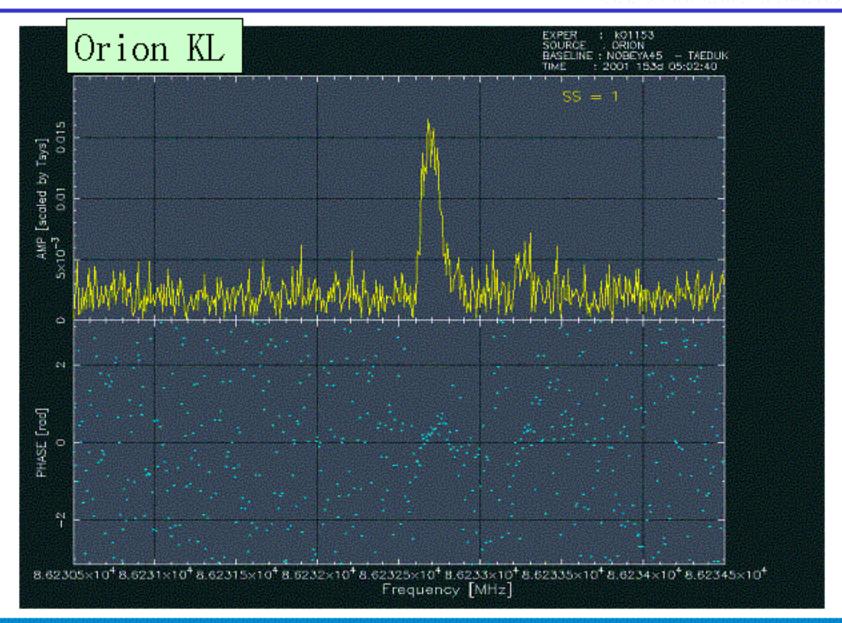
◆ Results

- Successful Detection of Fringes from Orion KL, VY CMa and 0420-014 in the first mm-VLBI observations between Korea and Japan
- First step to Joint Operation between KVN and VERA

 Scientific Observations for SiO and CH3OH maser sources will be performed in this winter

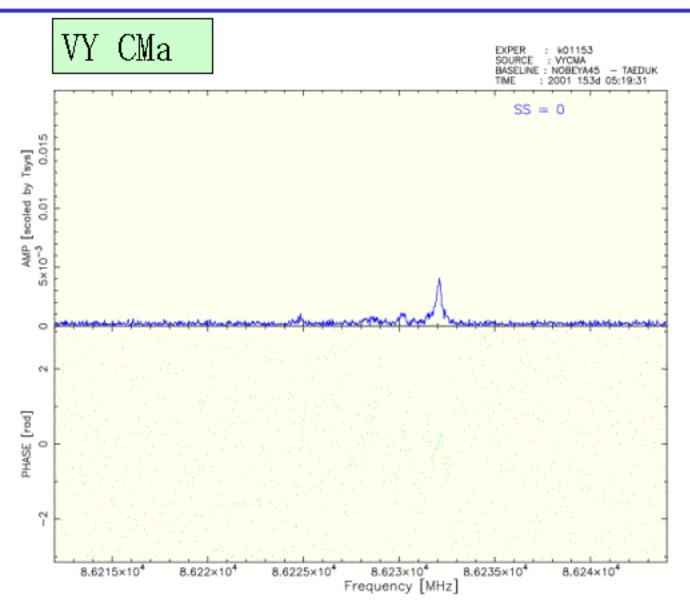
















The Present Progress

- ★ Korea-Japan VLBI Collaboration Meeting
- First Korea-Japan VLBI Collaboration Meeting
 - Date: June 2001, Venue: KAO, Taejon, Korea
 - Agenda
 - Review of 86 GHz VLBI experiment between
 - TRAO 14m and 45m
 - Future collaboration of mm VLBI observations
 - Progress reports of KVN and VERA projects etc.





Future Plans

- mm VLBI observations between KAO 14m and NRO 45m
 - Scientific observations for SiO and CH3OH maser sources from this winter season
 - System preparation for VLBI observations
- Second Korea-Japan VLBI Collaboration Meeting
 - Date: Dec. 14, 2001
 - Venue: Kagoshima, Japan
 - Agenda: under preparation





Suggestions

KAO 14m + NAOJ 45m : KAO-NAOJ Network



KVN + VERA : Korea-Japan Network



KVN + VERA + China & Taiwan Tel. :

East Asian Network

